

***In the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A cover material adapted to be attached to skin in a manner covering over the entirety of a patch, comprising a support layer and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer provided on one side of ~~[[a]]~~ the support layer,

wherein said patch comprises a support film with a thickness of 12-30  $\mu$ m and a drug-containing layer for contacting with the skin, said drug-containing layer being provided on one side of the ~~[[a]]~~ support film ~~with a thickness of 12-30  $\mu$ m~~, and

wherein~~[[,]]~~ said cover material is adapted to be attached to said support film and a region of the skin around said patch in such a manner that said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer contacts with the edges of said drug-containing layer, and

wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive obtained by polymerizing a first and a second monomer, the first monomer being selected from the group consisting of vinyl acetate ~~[[or]]~~ and N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and the second monomer being a (meth)acrylic acid alkyl ester with a C8 alkyl group ~~as essential monomer components~~.

2. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The cover material according to claim 1, wherein said drug is pergolide mesylate.

3. (Currently amended) [[A]] The cover material according to claim 1, wherein said support layer comprises is a foamed polymer.

4. (Currently amended) [[A]] The cover material according to claim 1, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer ~~contains~~ comprises a plasticizer.

5. (Currently amended) A patch with cover material<sub>1</sub> comprising:

a cover material comprising a support layer and ~~provided with~~ a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer provided on one side of ~~[[a]] the support layer<sub>1</sub>~~ and

a patch ~~provided with~~ comprising a support film with a thickness of 12-30  $\mu$ m and a drug-containing layer provided on one side of ~~[[a]] the support film with a thickness of 12-30  $\mu$ m,~~

wherein the cover material and the patch are attached<sub>1</sub> with the other surface of said support film being in contact with said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer ~~[[so]]~~ in such a manner that said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer remains around the periphery of said patch<sub>1</sub> and with said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer ~~contacting~~ being in contact with the drug-containing layer exposed at the sides of said patch, and

wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer ~~contains~~ comprises a pressure-sensitive adhesive obtained by polymerizing a first and a second monomer, the first monomer being selected from the group consisting of vinyl acetate ~~[[or]]~~ and N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and the second monomer being a (meth)acrylic acid alkyl ester with a C8 alkyl group as essential monomer components.

6. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The patch with cover material according to claim 5, wherein said support film is a polyethylene terephthalate film ~~with~~ having a thickness of 12-30 ~~[[gm]]~~  $\mu$ m.

7. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The patch with cover material according to claim 5, wherein said drug is pergolide mesylate.
8. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The patch with cover material according to claim 5, wherein said support layer is made of comprises a foamed polymer.
9. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The patch with cover material according to claim 5, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer ~~contains~~ comprises a plasticizer.
10. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The patch with cover material according to claim 5, ~~which is further provided with~~ further comprising a release liner that covers said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer and said drug-containing layer.
11. (New) The cover material according to claim 1, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive further comprises at least one co-polymerizing monomer selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate, (meth)acrylic acid, (meth)acrylic acid alkyl esters with C1-7 alkyl groups, and (meth)acrylic acid alkyl esters with C9-12 alkyl groups.
12. (New) The cover material according to claim 1, wherein in said pressure-sensitive adhesive, the first monomer is present in an amount of about 15-35% by weight and the second monomer is present in an amount of about 60-80% by weight.

13. (New) The cover material according to claim 11, wherein in said pressure-sensitive adhesive, the co-polymerizing monomer is present in an amount of up to about 25% by weight.

14. (New) The patch with cover material according to claim 5, wherein said pressure-sensitive adhesive further comprises at least one co-polymerizing monomer selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethyl (meth)acrylate, (meth)acrylic acid, and (meth) acrylic acid alkyl esters with C1-7 alkyl groups, and (meth)acrylic acid alkyl esters with C9-12 alkyl groups.

15. (New) The patch with cover material according to claim 5, wherein in said pressure-sensitive adhesive, the first monomer is present in an amount of about 15-35% by weight and the second monomer is present in an amount of about 60-80% by weight.

16. (New) The patch with cover material according to claim 14, wherein in said pressure-sensitive adhesive, the co-polymerizing monomer is present in an amount of up to about 25% by weight.